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HIGH AND LOW LIFE FETES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—As always has been the custom, Christmas Eve was observed at the National Capitol as a close holiday.

All the Government departments were closed except the day, as with several exceptions were also closed and other business houses throughout the city.

As soon as Congress adjourned last Wednesday many members started at once for their homes, but many others left yesterday, so that with the exception of those who have their families here, Washington has been temporarily deserted by the legislative branch of the Government.

Celebration at the White House.

The tooting of a tin horn in a series of more or less unusual notes was the signal for the commencement of the Christmas celebration at the White House this morning shortly after 10 o'clock.

When Mrs. Dimmick blew this juvenile instrument fate came calling, and every door all around her in the corridor upstairs, and soon all the members of the Presidential staff, including the President's private secretary, Master Benjamin and Little Mary McKee.

Glees of the Christmas Trees.

A STREAM of light shone from the library door and away in the corner of that historic apartment glistened, like a thousand stars, the Christmas tree. On a table

nearby were many others left. Down the stairs, the address and the invocation to the Christ-child, both the inspiration of the children's governess. These were handed to the children by the President's private secretary, and his audience was just as appreciative as that of a housewife.

After this formal part of the programme everybody had a chance to inspect the tree, and to give their own little gifts of toys and kind, arranged around on the floor under the tree. One side, devoted to the children, was the most attractive, with baby dolls, lady dolls and boy dolls, and a great variety of other toys.

William Lloyd Garrison seems to labor under the erroneous impression that the purpose of the fashionable universities is to teach students to become intelligent and to give them a clear idea of the time of life should have a clear idea of the vital difference between what is and what ought to be.

With Holman as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Chicago will do wisely by planning her fair on the agreed scale of the money she can raise for the purpose from her own resources.

"It is hardly to be expected," says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "that Governor Humphrey, of Kansas, will support the proposed anti-trust law which was defeated in his State in the last general election."

Probably not. But if the men who are expected to be chosen hereafter are of the same stamp as the one who was defeated in his State in the last general election, it is not likely that the anti-trust law will be passed.

THE DAY IN CABINET CIRCLES.

Mrs. MARY MORTON had her Christmas tree put up last evening. To-day the Vice president and her family, with their three daughters and a few friends.

Secretary Blaine and Mrs. Blaine had a late dinner, at which were present Miss Hattie Blaine, Mrs. Blaine, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davenport.

Secretary McKee spent his Christmas with his family at their residence on K Street. Secretary Tracy, Mrs. Witherington and Mrs. Witherington were at the family party at their residence on K Street.

Secretary Noble and his wife had their only guests the Hon. Charles D. Parker, Mr. Halford, Miss Sanger, and all the household retinue.

Mr. DeLoach presented to each of the members of the cabinet a turkey or a pair of geese.

Russell Harrison came from New York this morning for a few days. He had a dinner at breakfast with his parents. Mr. McKee arrived later in the day.

THE BANK OF SPAIN wishes to purchase ten million dollars in gold. This is the opportunity for the silver magnates to convert their silver into gold.

A WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Field Inspectors East and West that ex-Senator Ingalis had, partly on account of the fact that he was guilty of "cowardly desertion of his party principles," no one else would have been considered in the appointment of a successor to Plumb.

Mr. Cleveland seems to be setting up as a rival to Dr. Depey in a ubiquity of descent that makes him a representative at once of the Partisans, the Knickerbockers and the original Jerseymen.

A STRIKING illustration of the foundation on which fame is created, is presented by the fact that although Jerome L. Case, of Milwaukee, who died recently, built up several great industries in his city, he was not throughout the nation only because he was the owner of a great trotting horse.

WHEN the chief of the Chicago police publicly declares that crime has increased 40 per cent concurrently with an increase of 20 per cent in the population, it begins to look as if the city of Chicago is not the most law-abiding city in the country.

It may be like sarcasm to talk of principle here, but the influence of Gorman is so manifest. But one principle seems to be prominent in the assignment of Democrats to the House Committee, and that is, use of force.

The "green yule" has become a fact; but the latter part of the proverb can be defeated by discretion and care.

Mr. WEBSTER FLANAGAN, Collector of Customs at El Paso, is at Washington with a bill for the relief of the El Paso customhouse. He has found out that he has an immense line of frontier to protect against smugglers, and as a Mexican confere on the other side of the border has 1,800 subordinates. Flanagan thinks he is not to have an equal force. He is not likely to get them, but he will leave in Washington the unwholesome habit of a man who knows what he is for.

FEARS OF A CALL.

It Behaves in a Strange Manner Upon the Death of Two Wives.

HARFORD, Conn., Dec. 25.—In the family of Mr. Charles W. Windsor, in the Connecticut Valley, there has been a strange case. Mr. Windsor has had two wives, sisters, both of whom are now dead. His second wife died a few days ago. The call has been in his home for a long time.

ROUSSEAU has broken out to a violent degree in the columns of the Western Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. As a result we are justified in expecting a decided period of either storms or pleasant weather.

LET us hope that the new Cabinet will be as good as a Christmas present to the people.

TUNNELING UNDER NIAGARA.

Over Twenty-Four Hundred Feet of Solid Rock has been cut since yesterday.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 25.—The headings started from the portal and went through 101 feet of the tunnel met this afternoon. The distance excavated through solid rock, 200 feet, has been cut since yesterday.

SAGE CHAINS HIS DOORS.

Tramps Cannot Now Get More Than Their Noses Over the Threshold.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Patent chains now hold the doors of Russell Sage's Fifth Avenue mansion. The tramps who have been seen at the door cannot get more than their noses over the threshold.

FEWER CARRIES A BIG BURDEN.

It must be a severe strain on a man like Senator Peffer to carry the entire burden of representing Kansas in the United States Senate. He ought to be compelled to do it long.

THE SECRETARY'S EYES ARE OPEN.

New York, Dec. 25.—The Secretary of the Navy will be found to have both eyes very wide open.

AN INFANT PRODIGY.

A Boy of Four Years Who Can Read the Bible Learnedly.

DR. MORRIS, Dec. 25.—It is a prevalent belief that all wisdom centers in the East; but since the course of empire moves westward wisdom has also been moving along the same track, and instead of the wisdom of East, future generations may expect to hear of a few dago boys reading a large volume of the Bible learnedly.

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